

**Psalms Handout
Week Fourteen**

Review: Israel possesses the _____ Is driven from the _____. Returns to the _____

Ps. 105

Ps. 106

Ps. 107

How 107 is different-

Psalm 107

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, (in wat way?)

For His lovingkindness (chesed/promised/covenant grace) **is everlasting.**

2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, (who would they be?)

Whom He has redeemed (gaal/paid the price for) **from the hand of the adversary**

3 And gathered from the lands, (what lands?)

From the east and from the west, From the north and from the south.

How is this an answer to the prayer of 106?

What is the natural response?

What is the focus, the first and last words of each psalm?

Story 1

4 They wandered (staggered/strayed) in the wilderness in a desert region; They did not find a way to an inhabited city. 5 They were hungry and thirsty; Their soul fainted within them.

6 Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble; He delivered them out of their distresses. 7 He led them also by a straight way, To go to an inhabited city.

8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of men!

9 For He has satisfied the thirsty soul, And the hungry soul He has filled with what is good.

The pattern: The _____, the _____, the _____, the _____

The problem-

The cry-

The deliverance-

Jn.7:37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink."

Jn.6:35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst.

Jn. 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Jn. 16:3 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth....

Mat. 11:28 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Heb. 4:9 There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works

Heb. 12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven

Mat. 5:14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Isa. 49:6 He says, “It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Global deliverance?

Descriptive praise:

Story 2

10 There were those who dwelt in darkness and in the shadow of death, Prisoners in misery and chains,
11 Because they had rebelled against the words of God And spurned the counsel of the Most High.
12 Therefore He humbled their heart with labor; They stumbled and there was none to help.
13 Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble; He saved them out of their distresses. 14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death And broke their bands apart.
15 Let them give thanks to the Lord for His lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of men! 16 For He has shattered gates of bronze And cut bars of iron asunder.

Jn. 6:37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

The problem:

Lk. 1:76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the LORD to prepare His ways; To give to His people the knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins, Because of the tender mercy of our God, with which the Sunrise from on high will visit (personally check on) us, *to shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

Heb. 2:14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

Mat. 16:18 I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

Acts 16:25 But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing *hymns of praise* to God, and the prisoners were listening to them; and suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately all *the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.*

Hyperlinks- Events/words/objects that serve as connect points to multiple other similar and significant scriptures/stories. Hyperlinks help show us how it's all one continuous story.

Examples:

We'll look at huge important ones next week.

Isa. 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners;

Lk. 4:18 And He opened the book and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives,

Story 3

17 Fools, because of their rebellious way, And because of their iniquities, were afflicted (weakened, humbled, troubled).

18 Their soul abhorred all kinds of food, And they drew near to the gates of death.

19 Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble;

He saved them out of their distresses. 20 He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions.

21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of men!

22 Let them also offer sacrifices of thanksgiving (todah), And tell (sepher, recount) of His works with joyful singing (ranan).

Problem:

The deliverance:

Jn. 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us

Praise: Tell (recount/enumerate) of His works with joyful (raucous) singing.

Story 4

23 Those who go down to the sea in ships, Who do business on great waters; 24 They have seen the works of the LORD, And His wonders in the deep. 25 For He spoke and raised up a stormy wind (hurricane), Which lifted up the waves of the sea. 26 They rose up to the heavens, they went down to the depths; Their soul melted away in their misery. 27 They reeled and staggered like a drunken man, And were at their wits' end.

28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, And He brought them out of their distresses.

Soul melts

Wits end

Examples-

Why God!?

107:29 He caused the storm to be still, So that the waves of the sea were hushed. 30 Then they were glad (samach) because they were quiet, So He guided them to their desired haven.

Hyperlinks

Isa. 54:10 For the mountains may be removed and the hills may shake, but My lovingkindness will not be removed from you, and My covenant of peace will not be shaken,” Says the Lord who has compassion on you. “O afflicted one, storm-tossed, and not comforted, behold, I will set your stones in antimony (glistening colors), and your foundations I will lay in sapphires.

Mark 4:35 On that day, when evening came, He said to them, “Let us go over to the other side.” Leaving the crowd, they took Him along with them in the boat, just as He was; and other boats were with Him. And there rose a fierce gale of wind, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling up. Jesus Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?” And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Hush, be still.” And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm. And He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?” They became very much afraid and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?”

107:31 Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of men! 32 Let them extol (rum-joy that finds a voice in song) Him also in the congregation of the people, And praise (halal, boast praise) Him at the seat of the elders.

33 He changes rivers into a wilderness And springs of water into a thirsty ground;
34 A fruitful land into a salt waste, Because of the wickedness of those who dwell in it.
35 He changes a wilderness into a pool of water And a dry land into springs of water;
36 And there He makes the hungry to dwell, So that they may establish an inhabited city, 37 And sow fields and plant vineyards, And gather a fruitful harvest.
38 Also He blesses them and they multiply greatly, And He does not let their cattle decrease.

39 When they are diminished and bowed down Through oppression, misery and sorrow, 40 He pours contempt upon princes And makes them wander in a pathless waste. 41 But He sets the needy securely on high away from affliction, And makes his families like a flock. 42 The upright see it and are glad (samach, community celebration); But all unrighteousness shuts its mouth.

43 Who is wise? Let him give heed to these things, And consider the lovingkindnesses of the LORD.

1 Sam. 2:6 The LORD kills and makes alive; He brings down to Sheol and raises up. “The LORD makes poor and rich; He brings low, He also exalts. “He raises the poor from the dust, He lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with nobles, and inherit a seat of honor; for the pillars of the earth are the LORD’S, and He set the world on them. “He keeps the feet of His godly ones, but the wicked ones are silenced in darkness; for not by might shall a man prevail. “Those who contend with the LORD will be shattered; against them He will thunder in the heavens, the Lord will judge the ends of the earth; and He will give strength to His king, and will exalt the horn of His anointed.

How do we know Hannah isn’t just happy cause she got what she wanted?

Rejoicing/Praising/Happiness

Biblical happiness does not deny suffering or pain it

Biblical expressions of joy presuppose

Biblical happiness is received through _____ shaped by _____ sustained through _____

Biblical happiness not fragile but resilient: capable of surviving history, trauma, and uncertainty, because it is grounded in the

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Ezek. 34:11 For thus says the LORD God, “Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. As a shepherd cares for his herd in the day when he is among his scattered sheep, so I will care for My sheep and will deliver them from all the places to which they were scattered on a cloudy and gloomy day. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the streams, and in all the inhabited places of the land. I will feed them in a good pasture, and their grazing ground will be on the mountain heights of Israel. There they will lie down on good grazing ground and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I will feed My flock and I will lead them to rest,” declares the LORD God. “I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the broken and strengthen the sick....”

Mat. 8:11 I say to you that many will come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven;

Rev. 7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb... 15 and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them. They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat; for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Discussion

Which story speaks the strongest and deepest to you? Why?

Do you know anyone who is currently living out a similar story? Is there anything in this psalm that can help you pray for them or serve them better?